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WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, March 24, 1863.

Commanders of regiments, battalions not included in regiments, independent companies or batteries, and detachments, surgeons in charge of hospitals or detachments, and all persons in the military service commanding or controlling commissioned officers or enlisted men on special or detached service, will report upon the last day of each month to Colonel JAMES B. FRY, Provost Marshal General of the United States, at Washington, D. C., the names of all deserters from their respective commands who have deserted since their last report, or who have not previously been reported. These reports will be made in the form of descriptive lists, setting forth, in case of each deserter, his name, rank, regiment or company, description, place of birth, residence, occupation, place of enlistment, date of last payment, amount of bounty due, date and place of desertion, and the place where he can probably be found, with such other remarks as may be pertinent in the matter, or may aid in the arrest and punishment of the offender. Where no desertions have taken place during the month, the regular form of descriptive list will be forwarded, and the fact will be noted upon it. The lists will in all cases be made in duplicate: one copy will be forwarded direct to the Provost Marshal General, and the other, through the ordinary military channels, to the Adjutant General, at Washington, who will refer the same to the Provost Marshal General. When lists are rendered by surgeons, one copy will be sent direct to the Provost Marshal General, and the duplicate, through the regular channel, to the Surgeon General, who will refer the same to the Provost Marshal General.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

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